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REPORT

TOPIC Westward Troop Movements Through WITTSTOCK

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REMARKS

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The following motorized columns, coming from the direction of SCHWEINRICH (N 54/U 22), passed through WITTSTOCK (N 54/U 11) between 28 and 30 September 1949 and proceeded toward PRITZWALK (N 54/T 91):

28 September 1949:

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Twenty-two T34 tanks, two trucks towing guns of about 45 mm caliber (at noon)

29 September 1949:

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Convoy of 60 to 70 trucks, about 20 of which were towing guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber.

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30 September 1949:

a. Thirty to forty motorcycles

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b. About 90 trucks, 20 or 30 of which were towing guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber.

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c. About 40 trucks, some of which were towing small-caliber guns.

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d. About 50 trucks

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e. Some motor vehicles

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f. About 20 motor vehicles, mostly command cars.

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Some of them towed trailers. High-ranking officers, map-mounting boards and furniture were

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observed in the command cars, which resembled large, glassed busses. The convoy included staff car [REDACTED] occupied by a general.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

a. It was learned that a unit which had moved from PARCHIM (M 54/T 74) to the SCHWEINRICH training area some time ago was to leave for PERLEBERG (M 54/T 70) in mid-October 1949.

b. WITTSTOCK craftsmen who were assigned to ration supply operations for troops at the SCHWEINRICH training area were given notice for mid-October 1949.

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[REDACTED] the motorized columns belonged to the 18th Mecz Div. It is believed that, upon completion of the summer maneuvers in the WITTSTOCK SCHWEINRICH area, component units of the 18th Mecz Div went to the area east of the Elbe River (north of the BURG-ALTEN-GRABOW-BELZIG line) for final maneuvers, in which component units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and Hq units of the Third Shock Army also participated. It is possible that the component units of the 18th Mecz Div returned to their military posts after mid-October 1949.

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